

International Application No. PCT/AU03/001350  
Title: A SYNTHETIC LATEX COMPOSITION  
Preliminary Amendment

**Remarks**

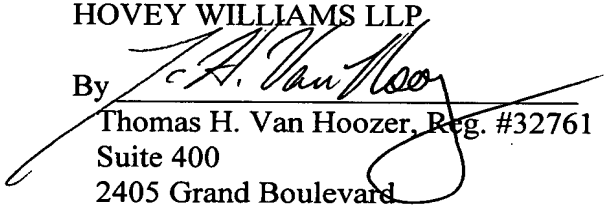
Claims 1-17 have been amended by this Preliminary Amendment to conform to U.S. practice and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. New claims 18-20 have been added to re-introduce aspects of claims 8 and 9 deleted to conform to U.S. practice, and to reflect the deletion of multiple dependencies. The Abstract, taken from that appearing on the cover page of the published International Application, has been retyped on a separate sheet as required by Rule 1.72(b), and otherwise conforms substantially therewith. It is believed that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is courteously requested.

Should the Examiner have any additional issues which may be resolved by a telephone conference, he may address them to the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460. Any additional fees necessitated by this submission may be charged to Deposit Account 19-0522.

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